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In re application of: Marcia L. Kalish et al.

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ASSAY FOR DETECTION OF HIV OR
SIV TYPE RETROVIRUSES

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action mailed September 22, 2008. A three-month period for reply has been set, making the response due on or before December 22, 2008. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, making the response due on January 22, 2009. If any additional fees are required in connection with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7 and end with a brief **Conclusion** on page 12.

Replacement Sequence listing and Statement of Compliance are submitted herewith.